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AT the Court at St. James's, the 2d Day of February, 1729.

P R E S E N T,

The King's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

Whereas by an Order made by His Majesty in Council of the 4th Day of July, in the Second Year of His Reign, and in the Year of our Lord 1728, His Majesty was pleased, out of His great Care for the Preservation of his People, and for preventing the Infection, which then raged in Turkey and other Parts of the Levant, being brought into His Majesty's Dominions, by Goods or Persons coming from any of the Places so infected, to direct and require, That all Ships and Vessels arriving, and all Persons Goods and Merchandizes whatsoever coming or imported in such Ships or Vessels, in, or into any Port or Place within Great Britain, from, and after the said 4th Day of July, from the Levant and especially from Smyrna, or from any of the Isles of the Archipelago, or from Zant, Corfu, Veniza, Cephalonia, St. Mauro, or any of the adjacent Islands, or any of the Ports or Places of the Morea; and also all Ships and Vessels arriving, and all Persons, Goods and Merchandizes coming, or imported in such Ships or Vessels, in, or into any Port or Place within any of the Isles of Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, Sark and Man, from and after the 8th Day of the said Month of July, from the Levant, or any other of the Places or Ports above-mentioned to be infected with the Plague, should perform their Quarantine in such Manner, and in such Places, as in and by the said Order were directed.

And whereas the Governor and Company of Merchants of England trading into the Levant Seas, have by their Petition to His Majesty, represented the great Disadvantage and Burthen they lie under by the Continuance of such Quarantine, and humbly prayed, that in Regard the States of Holland have not for some Time past required a Quarantine to be performed by any Ships or Vessels coming in, to their Ports, from any of the said Places, which have brought with them clean Patents or Bills of Health, from the respective Places

where they have taken in their Ladings, but have permitted them to proceed to their Ports of Discharge, in the same Manner as was practised before any Quarantine was required, that therefore His Majesty would be pleased to grant the like Indulgence to his trading Subjects, for all such Ships which shall arrive from any of the aforesaid Places, as shall be accompanied with clean Patents or Bills of Health. His Majesty this Day took the same into His Royal Consideration, and being desirous to encourage and promote the Trade of His Subjects, and to remove all Obstructions thereto, so far as may be consistent with the Safety of His People, hath thought fit to order, and doth hereby order accordingly, That the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs do direct the Officers of His Majesty's Customs in the several Ports of this Kingdom, to stop all Ships and Vessels liable to the Performance of Quarantine, which now are arrived, or hereafter shall arrive in any of the said Ports, (that is to say) all such Ships and Vessels as are now arrived, or hereafter shall arrive in the Port of London, at the Hope; and all such Ships and Vessels as now are arrived or hereafter shall arrive in any of the Out-Ports where such Ships are ordered to perform their Quarantine, at some convenient Distance from the Town, to which such Port belongs, and there respectively to demand of the Masters or other Persons having Charge of such Ships or Vessels on board the same, their Patents or Bills of Health, and to transmit the same to the said Commissioners, who are hereby required to examine strictly into the said Patents or Bills of Health; and in case they shall appear to be clean Patents, and to be signed and sealed by the proper Magistrate of the Place where they took in their Ladings, and that the Ships Company are entirely free from Infection, that then such Ships and Vessels shall be exempt from the Performance of Quarantine. And the said Commissioners shall send their Orders, for permitting such Ships and Vessels to proceed to their respective Places of Discharge, without performing Quarantine: But if upon Examination, such Bills of Health shall not prove satisfactory to the said Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs, or the said Commissioners shall not be satisfied that